

CLAIMS

I claim:

1. A wheel for an automotive vehicle comprising:  
  
a hub for mounting to an axle of the automotive vehicle;  
  
a rim disposed radially outward from the hub and being configured for receiving a tire;  
  
a support structure extending between the hub and the rim; and  
  
wherein the hub, rim and support structure each have an outer face, the outer face of at least one of the hub, rim and support structure having formed thereon monetary indicia.
2. The wheel of claim 1, wherein:  
  
the monetary indicia is selected from a group consisting of a portrait, a monetary value, a monetary symbol, and a word or phrase.
3. The wheel of claim 1, wherein:  
  
the monetary indicia includes a portrait that is generally centered on the hub.
4. The wheel of claim 1, wherein:  
  
the monetary indicia includes substantially the entire face of a coin that is centered on the hub.

5. The wheel of claim 1, wherein:

the monetary indicia includes substantially the entire face of a currency note that is oriented so that the currency note extends generally radially outward from the hub along the note's length.

6. The wheel of claim 1, wherein:

the monetary indicia includes substantially an entire face of one of a currency note and coin.

7. The wheel of claim 1, wherein:

the hub includes a removable hub plate and wherein the monetary indicia or a portion thereof is formed on the hub plate.

8. The wheel of claim 1, wherein:

different monetary indicia are formed on a combination of at least two of the hub, rim and support structure.

9. The wheel of claim 1, wherein:

monetary indicia are formed on each of the hub, rim and support structure.

10. The wheel of claim 1, wherein:

the monetary indicia are repeated and spaced circumferentially spaced apart on the wheel.

11. A wheel for an automotive vehicle comprising:

a hub for mounting to an axle of the automotive vehicle;

a rim disposed radially outward from the hub and being configured for receiving a tire;

a support structure extending between the hub and the rim; and

wherein the hub, rim and support structure each have an outer face, the outer face of at least two of the hub, rim and support structure having formed thereon monetary indicia.

12. The wheel of claim 11, wherein:

different monetary indicia is formed on the at least two of the hub, rim and support structure.

13. The wheel of claim 12, wherein:

the monetary indicia is selected from a group consisting of a portrait, a denomination value, a monetary symbol, and a word or phrase.

14. The wheel of claim 13, wherein:

one of the different monetary indicia formed on one of the at least two of the hub, rim and support member is selected from a group of indicia consisting of a portrait of a likeness selected from a group consisting of George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton, John F. Kennedy, Andrew Jackson, Ulysses S. Grant, Benjamin Franklin, Franklin D. Roosevelt, William McKinley, Grover Cleveland,

James Madison, Salmon P. Chase, Woodrow Wilson, Susan B. Anthony and Sacajawea, and the other of the different monetary indicia formed on the other of the at least two of the hub, rim and support member is selected from the group of indicia consisting of a denomination value, a monetary symbol, and a word or phrase.

15. The wheel of claim 11, wherein:

the hub includes a removable hub plate and wherein the monetary indicia or a portion thereof is formed on the hub plate.

16. The wheel of claim 11, wherein:

monetary indicia are formed on each of the hub, rim and support structure.

17. The wheel of claim 11, wherein:

the monetary indicia are repeated and spaced circumferentially spaced apart on the wheel.

18. A wheel for an automotive vehicle comprising:

a hub having a removable face plate for mounting to an axle of the automotive vehicle;

a rim disposed radially outward from the hub and being configured for receiving a tire;

a support structure extending between the hub and the rim; and

wherein the hub, rim and support structure each have an outer face, the outer face of at least two of the hub, rim and support structure having formed thereon monetary

indicia selected from a group consisting of a portrait, a denomination value, a monetary symbol, and a word or phrase.

19. The wheel of claim 18, wherein:

the monetary indicia includes a portion of the face of a coin.

20. The wheel of claim 18, wherein:

the monetary indicia includes a portion of the face of a currency note.

21. The wheel of claim 18, wherein:

the monetary indicia includes a face of a currency note that is oriented with the currency note extending generally radially outward from the hub along the note's length.